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TOWN OF
ALFRED
MAINE



Report of the Town Officers

For the Year Ending February 20

1920

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION
AND
Receipts and Expenditures
OF THE
Town of Alfred
MAINE

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF
Selectmen, School Committee, Town Clerk,
Treasurer, Directors and Librarian
of Parsons Memorial Library

For the Year Ending February 20th
1920



SANFORD, MAINE
THE AVERILL PRESS
1920

Town Officers, 1919

Town Clerk

FRED J. SHERBURN

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

**LUCIUS M. PERKINS JAMES H. LITTLEFIELD
A. E. CARPENTER**

Superintending School Committee

E. K. JORDAN T. G. HALL S. B. MARSHALL

Town Treasurer

EMERY S. LITTLEFIELD

Auditor

HARRY G. LITTLEFIELD

Road Commissioners

**FRANK DAY A. E. CARPENTER
SAMUEL A. CHADBOURNE**

Constable and Collector of Taxes

L. D. RIDLEY

Board of Health

S. B. MARSHALL LUCIUS M. PERKINS

Directors of Parsons' Memorial Library

**SAMUEL M. CAME, GEORGE H. WILLIAMS
E. H. BRACKETT, H. B. FERNALD
HENRY G. GREEN, LUCIUS M. PERKINS**

Report of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

For Municipal Year 1919

Money raised by Town to defray Town Expenses,
State and County Tax, etc.:

Support of Poor	\$ 150.00
Support of Schools	2,400.00
Text Books and Supplies	450.00
Repairs on School houses and grounds	250.00
Highways and Bridges	1,500.00
Opening Roads in Winter	300.00
Incidental Expenses	400.00
Discounts and Abatements	100.00
By Taxation for Free High School	600.00
To be used by Selectmen for Cut- ting Bushes	100.00
Superintendent of Schools	200.00
Electric Street Lights	600.00
8th Annual Payment Alfred Water Co.	1,000.00
Janitor and Fuel for High School	400.00
Maintenance of Side Walks	100.00
Fountain and Park and Land in Front of Town Hall	50.00
Parsons Memorial Library	100.00
Alfred Fire Department	100.00
Services of Fire Warden	25.00
For State Roads in addition to amt. raised for Highways and Bridges	533.00

Maintenance of State Highway	100.00
To be Paid on Outstanding Notes	1,000.00
To Pay Interest on Loans	200.00
For Prize Money for Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Clubs	50.00
Repairs on Town Hall	200.00
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	\$10,908.00

Amount raised as appropriated	\$10,908.00
For State Tax	4,267.77
For County Tax	714.25
Overlay authorized by law	809.57
Supplementary Tax Benj. Leveign	5.60
Supplementary Tax Sam. Evans	2.80
Supplementary Tax, Sadie Littlefield	16.80

\$16,724.79

Collected interest on taxes	83.37
Value of Real Estate	432,700.00
Value of Personal Estate	141,964.00

Total valuation \$574,664.00

Tax rate .028	
Tax on Real Estate	\$12,115.60
Tax on Personal Estate	3,974.99
203 Polls at \$3.00	609.00

\$16,699.59

Supplementary Tax 25.20

\$16,724.79

INCIDENTAL EXPENSE

Amount raised by the Town	\$400.00
Addition of Overlay	809.57
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	\$1,209.57

Order No.	Expended	
5	Treasurer's Bond	\$ 12.50
7	Averill Press, printing 1918 reports	34.20
25	Office Supplies, Loring, Short, & Harmon	23.15
42	A. E. Carpenter, act. Salary	12.00
7	Geo. W. Bracy, placing Flag Memorial Day	5.00
13	50 Flags for Soldiers' Graves	12.50
3	Travel and Phone, Supt. Schools	7.92
45	H. F. Adams, Sealer of Weights and Measures	5.00
48	Hattie M. Littlefield, on Town Books	6.00
62	Albra Hill, care Town Lot in cemetery	2.00
67	Timothy Allen, election clerk	2.00
72	Postage and Telephone	5.31
130	A. E. Carpenter, Auto Hire, Chas. Knight case	10.00
131	Measuring Town Roads, A. E. Carpenter	25.00
133	A. E. Carpenter, acct. Services as Selectman	45.00
162	S. B. Marshall, M. D., Sec. Board of Health	5.00

163	S. B. Marshall, M. D., Ret.	
	Births and Deaths	4.25
165	Lucius M. Perkins	75.00
166	Lucius M. Perkins, wood, tele- phone	3.75
167	James H. Littlefield, selectman	65.00
168	Fred J. Sherburne, town clerk	29.50
169	Harry G. Littlefield, auditor	5.00
173	L. D. Ridley, collector	70.00
175	Collectors' Bond	20.00
176	L. D. Ridley, constable	13.00
177	L. D. Ridley, dog constable	5.00
178	Printing Tax Bills	6.58
179	Stamps and Stationery, and Mailing Tax Bills and notices	16.00
180	H. J. Sayward, Fire Warden	25.00
137	Frank J. Leavitt, watering trough, 1918 and 1919	6.00
124	Frank P. Morrill, watering trough	3.00
182	P. H. Abbott, M. D., Reporting Deaths	.75
185	Emery S. Littlefield, treasurer	50.00
186	Emery S. Littlefield, postage	8.50
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		\$618.91

DISCOUNTS AND ABATEMENTS

Everett Rankin, Soldier	\$ 3.00
Carol Grover, Soldier	3.00
Henry Farrill, left town	3.00
John Hamlin, paid in Sanford	3.00
Edward Maxwell, Soldier	3.00
Joseph Porrell, paid in Sanford	3.00
Payson Ricker, Soldier	3.00

Lafayette Ross, paid in Shapleigh	3.00	
Forest Russell, paid in Sanford	3.00	
Clarence Thing, Soldier	3.00	
Freeman Trafton, Soldier	3.00	
Charles Wilson, paid out of State	3.00	
Alva Werren, Soldier	3.00	
Alfred Water Co., by agreement	61.60	
Albert Littlefield, over valuation	7.00	
Freeman and Willis Trafton, over- valuation	16.97	
Edwin I. Littlefield, over valuation	15.00	
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		\$139.57
Appropriated		\$ 100.00
Overdraft		39.57
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		\$139.57

YORK POWER COMPANY

Appropriated		\$ 600.00
Balance from 1918		52.60
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		\$ 652.60
Order No.		
2 Jan. and Feb. bill	\$ 99.96	
58 6 months bill to July 31	299.88	
153 5 months bill to Jan. 31	249.92	
Expended	<hr/>	\$ 649.76
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Balance		\$ 2.84

ALFRED FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriated		\$ 100.00
Order 158	100.00	

POOR ACCOUNT

Appropriated		\$ 150.00
Order No.		
4	Burial of Frank Watson's child	\$14.00
129	Stiles Bros., Clothing Frank Watson's family	32.50
138	H. G. Allen Co., Clothing and Supplies, Frank Watson's family	41.40
		\$87.90
Balance		62.10
		<hr/> \$ 150.00

An old lady, Martha F. Hodgson, 82 years old, living alone in her house, was reported to need attention, and the Overseers of Poor investigated and found such to be the case. We took charge and secured services of a competent party to go there and care for her, also the attendance of a physician. She has property, apparently sufficient to care for her. The Selectmen and Overseers of Poor have asked the Probate Court to appoint a guardian, which request up to this writing has not been acted on. No doubt it will be at next Probate Court.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS

Appropriated		\$ 50.00
Order 93	Prizes as approved by E. K. Jordan, local leader	\$ 26.00
Shaker Children's Clubs as approved by Mr. Gray, State Supt.		7.75
Unexpended		16.25
		<hr/> \$ 50.00

PARSON'S LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$ 100.00
Order 155 To Treasurer of Library	100.00

DUE FROM STATE FOR STATE AID

To Charles F. Emmons and wife, acct. of son Wilbur Emmons:	
Dec. payment	\$ 24.00
Jan. payment	24.00
To be refunded by State.	

REPAIR OF TOWN HOUSE

Appropriation	\$ 200.00
Order No.	
83 Rufus Deering Co., for sheathing	\$ 37.30
92 John Bennett, for work	22.00
104 S. S. Williams, work and material	39.33
106 B. C. Jordan Co., lumber for screens	4.68
150 S. S. Williams, on screens	2.50
154 H. B. Fernald, hardware and paint	36.80
160 John Bennett, work on screens	2.50
174 L. D. Ridley, trucking, etc.	1.55
187 Alfred Grange, for store	17.75
Unexpended	35.59
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	\$200.00

INTEREST ACCOUNT

Appropriated		\$ 200.00
Paid by Treasurer	\$ 203.71	
Interest collected by L. D. Ridley		
collector	83.37	
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		\$287.08

FOUNTAIN AND PARK

Appropriated		\$ 50.00
Order No.		
61 N. J. Prescott, repairs	\$ 1.87	
73 N. J. Prescott, repairs	2.03	
121 B. F. Bracy, labor and phos-		
phate	36.63	
140 John B. Donovan	1.75	
143 Alfred Water Co., for fawcet	1.25	
148 Timothy Allen, covering foun-		
tain	.75	
149 Carol Stevens, covering foun-		
tain	.75	
Unexpended	4.97	
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		\$ 50.00
200 lbs. phosphate on hand now.		

STATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Appropriated for 1918 not expended	\$ 533.00
Appropriated for 1919	533.00
Apportioned by State 1918	708.89
Apportioned by State 1919	708.89
Balance Cr. by State, 1917	5.10
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Joint Fund	\$2,488.88

Expended by State	\$ 16.25	
Expended by Town	2,416.22	
Cost of road built 1919	\$2,432.47	
Excess of total appropriation	56.41	
		\$2,488.88

State refunded to Town \$1,350.22 and carry to our account for another year \$56.41 credit.

ACCOUNT SUPT. OF SCHOOLS

Appropriation	\$ 200.00
1 Florent Whitmore, Supt. Feb. salary	\$ 16.66
6 Florent Whitmore, Supt., Mar. salary	\$ 16.66
28 Florent Whitmore, Supt., Apr. salary	\$ 16.66
33 Florent Whitmore, Supt., May salary	\$ 16.66
47 Florent Whitmore, Supt., June salary	\$ 16.66
52 Florent Whitmore, Supt., July salary	\$ 16.67
60 Florent Whitmore, Supt., Aug. salary	\$ 16.66
70 Florent Whitmore, Supt., Sept. salary	\$ 16.66
81 Florent Whitmore, Supt., Oct. salary	\$ 16.67
125 Florent Whitmore, Supt., Nov. salary	\$ 16.66

141	Florent Whitmore, Supt., Dec.	
	salary	\$ 16.67
152	Florent Whitmore, Supt. Jan.	
	and Supplies	27.96
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		\$ 211.25

Overdraft	<hr/>	\$ 11.25
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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ROAD ACCOUNT

Owing to the emergencies of the items and the impossibilities of obtaining labor, we think it best to condense the reports of the Road Commissioners under one head.

The Resources as appropriated are

Appropriated by Town for Highways and	
Bridges	\$1,500.00
For opening Roads in Winter	300.00
For Cutting Bushes	100.00
For Maintenance of Sidewalks	100.00
For Refunded by Town of Sanford	32.13
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	\$2,032.13

We have expended on Roads by	
orders of Frank Day and Samuel A. Chadbourne	\$1,300.50
By orders of A. E. Carpenter	1,237.70
For Cutting Bushes by both Commissioners	68.00
For Sidewalks, by Day	123.81
Snow in 1918	11.25
Snow in 1919	50.68
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	\$2,791.94

The difficulty of getting help has made necessary of mixing the different Commissioners' limits, as formerly fixed, to get the work done.

The bridge at the "Old Shaker Mill" gave out. It was just a wooden box, and we replaced it with a 36 inch Amaco tube, thoroughly cemented in on all sides, and the end up-stream protected by cement wings, at a direct cost of \$314.84. It will now stand permanently.

Most of the bridges in town have been newly planked and large culverts had new stringers, owing to the use of heavy auto trucks.

The Shaker Bridge will probably give out owing to these heavy trucks, and it appears to us economy to replace it with concrete, using the present stone abutments, and a large Amico Tube in the span on the East end, filling that in solid; also to fill solid the middle pier and cover the main span with a cement arch, or iron beams and concrete filling, as is now on the Goodwin Bridge and Whicher's Bridge, as may seem best.

EXPENDED ON ROADS

**Frank Day and Samuel A. Chadbourne,
Commissioners**

Paid By

Town Order

8	Payson Ricker	\$ 8.90
10	Irving Yates	10.00
12	John Bracy	15.00
13	Frank Day	42.25
15	Everett Chadbourn	12.50
17	Alvah D. Ridley	16.40
18	Will Knight	17.50

20	John Bracy	13.62
23	Frank Day	35.78
27	Irving Yates	8.70
31	Alvah D. Ridley	9.18
35	G. W. Bracy, signs of danger	2.50
36	Samuel A. Chadbourne	52.00
37	Frank Day	27.90
41	John Hart, for gravel	10.30
44	John Bennett, for gravel	4.50
46	Everett Chadbourne	3.75
51	John Bracy	6.25
54	Otis Wallingford	1.40
55	No. East Metal Culvert Co.	82.75
56	Charles Bracy	7.50
57	Carpenter Bros., on Shaker Mill Bridge	50.00
137	G. W. Black, on Road Mach- ine	10.45
147	Frank Day	5.00
	Alonzo Kimball	5.00
	Geo. O. Fisk	18.00
	Mrs. George Tripp	7.50
	Geo. O. Fisk, use of plow	1.50
	James Johnston	20.50
	G. B. Chadbourne	1.50
	Samuel Chadbourne	30.10
	James Johnston	9.00
	H. G. Chadbourne	22.50
	H. G. Chadbourne	7.50
	Will Knight	16.25
	Joseph Cluff	3.75
	Frank Day	45.55
	Frank Day, nails and help	10.00
	Herbert Hussey	12.75
	B. C. Jordan Lbr. Co., lumber, Saco Bridge	24.08

B. C. Jordan Lbr. Co., lumber for Littlefield's mill bridge	101.97
B. C. Jordan Lbr. Co., string- ers for bridge	33.32
B. C. Jordan Lbr. Co., for lum- ber	53.15
Geo. Nutter	48.40
Lewis Maxwell, for crossing land	7.56
B. C. Jordan Lbr. Co., lumber	19.77
Charles W. Hussey	27.50
Christopher Hussey	15.00
Roscoe Hussey	12.50
H. A. Deshon	10.00
Elmer Pease	1.40
Ernest Allen	2.50
John Penny	2.50
Edgar Moulton	1.40
Edgar Moulton	4.25
Wm. H. Clark	3.75
Herbert D. Littlefield	2.50
Moses H. Ricker	2.50
J. O. Nutter	2.50
Samuel A. Chadbourne	30.00
Geo. W. Bracy, signs	3.00
Carpenter Bros., lumber	12.00
Carpenter Bros., labor	67.50
H. B. Fernald, nails and spikes	6.06
Samuel A. Chadbourne, labor	41.83
H. G. Chadbourne, labor	30.00
B. C. Jordan Lbr. Co., lumber	12.51
M. H. Ricker, labor	7.75
Herbert Littlefield	7.75
B. C. Jordan Lbr. Co., lumber for Hay Brook Bridge	14.58

Arthur Farnham, labor on road and bushes	25.50	
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A. E. Carpenter, Commissioner

Town		
Order No.		
16	Fred Russell	\$ 25.00
19	H. A. Moulton	4.50
22	Geo. Skillings	4.50
26	Carpenter Brothers	100.00
29	Carpenter Brothers	50.00
30	No. East Metal Culvert Co.	13.60
39	Carpenter Brothers	100.00
40	Thos. G. Hall	38.25
49	Percy Smith	20.00
53	F. E. Russell	20.00
63	W. H. Carpenter	21.00
64	W. H. Carpenter on Shaker Mill Bridge	15.00
63	Stephen Gowen, lanterns and lending at Repair Bridge	5.00
67	Wallace Russell	24.00
72	Freight on Culvert at Shaker Mill	3.89
88	Carpenter Brothers, plank in Gore Bridge	12.00
89	Carpenter Brothers	50.00
95	O. W. Brown & Son, dynamite and fuse	9.15
123	Fred Russell on Nigger Hill Road	60.51
132	Carpenter Brothers	50.00
142	Carl Bros., cement for Shaker Mill Bridge	75.70

151	John Penny	6.00	
164	Timothy Yeaton, allowed him, instead of fixing his road	20.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 728.10

Road Orders in Order 147

W. H. Bean	\$ 6.00	
Walter Bean	13.50	
A. L. Bean	6.00	
Arthur L. Bean	10.00	
Arthur L. Bean	3.00	
Percy Smith	46.00	
Fred Leach	22.50	
Fred Leach	6.00	
Ernest Hall	27.60	
Ernest Hall	10.00	
M. Brewer	7.50	
Percy Morrill	14.34	
Ernest Allen	3.00	
Percy Smith	16.66	
E. F. Deshon	22.09	
T. G. Hall	54.00	
Frank Russell	73.00	
Fred Russell	82.00	
Leland Gile	5.00	
John Penny	1.50	
Charles Emmons	1.50	
Arthur Bean	16.50	
Franklin Grant	42.50	
A. K. Gile	19.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 509.60
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		\$1,237.70

GENERAL SUMMARY OF RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURES

Resources

Raised by Taxation	\$16,724.79
Interest on Taxes	83.37
Available for School Purposes other than by Taxation	3,050.46
Town Farm Rent	60.00
Due from State, Acct. Soldiers Dependents	48.00
Due from Wm. Foltz	60.00
Expended above total amt. raised	56.46
	\$20,083.08

Expended for all School Purposes	7,753.90
Incidental acct.	618.91
Discounts and Abatements	139.57
Poor Acct.	87.90
Old Snow Bill, 1917	11.25
Water Service	1,000.00
Fountain and Park	45.03
Highways and Bridges, Sidewalks etc.	2,791.94
Opening Roads, winter, 1918	50.68
Superintendent Schools	211.25
Fire Warden	25.00
Fire Department	100.00
Interest on Loans	203.71
Library	100.00
Repairs on Town House	164.41
Boys' and Girls' Clubs	33.75
York Power Co., street lights	649.76
Soldiers' Aid to be refunded	48.00
State Road for 1918 and 1919	1,066.00

State Tax	4,267.77	
County Tax	714.25	
	<hr/>	\$20,083.08

LUCIUS M. PERKINS,
JAMES H. LITTLEFIELD,
A. E. CARPENTER,
Selectmen of Alfred.

I have examined the foregoing accounts of the
Selectmen, and found them correct.

HARRY G. LITTLEFIELD,
Alfred Me., February 24, 1920. Auditor.

Treasurer's Report

DR.

Balance from 1918	\$1,120.19
Rec'd from Sanford Nat'l Bank on notes	3,000.00
Rec'd from State, School and Mill Fund,	708.86
Common School Fund	941.54
R. R. and Telephone Tax	70.55
Free High School	500.00
Refund of Dog licenses	7.08
State Highway Department	1,400.70
Reimbursements of State Pensions	263.71
Damage to Domestic Animals	270.00
Rec'd of F. J. Sherburne, Dog tax, 1919	73.00
Rec'd of L. D. Ridley, tax collec- tor for 1919	16,738.51
Rec'd High School tuition	822.21
Rec'd Timothy Yeaton, rent of Town Farm	60.00
Rec'd Jas. H. Littlefield, bal. on 1916 taxes	13.51
Rec'd L. M. Perkins, acct. of coal not used by steam roller	2.50
Rec'd Town of Sanford, acct. of Hay Brook Bridge	32.13
Rec'd A. N. Palmer Co., acct. of School Supplies	26.02
Rec'd Florent Whitmore, acct. of School Supplies	16.00
Rec'd Common School tuition	7.00

Rec'd S. M. Came, executor, acct. of Nathan Kendall lot in old cemetery	50.00	
Rec'd S. M. Came, acct. of his lot in old cemetery	50.00	\$26,173.51

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Paid by order of Selectmen	\$16,529.47	
Paid Acct. Old Cemetery	39.16	
Paid State Dog License	73.00	
Paid State Tax	4,267.77	
Paid State Pensions	150.00	
Paid County Tax	714.25	
Paid Sanford Nat'l Bank on notes	3,000.00	
Paid State Highway Acct.	302.60	
Balance	1,097.26	\$26,173.51

Town order No. 124 Amt. \$3.00, not received or paid.

Resources

Balance Library Fund	\$2,536.99	
Balance in Treasury	1,097.26	
Town Farm (100 acres)	4,000.00	
Due from W. Foltz, rent of Town Farm, 1918	60.00	
Due from L. D. Ridley, on 1919 taxes	69.65	\$7,763.90

Liabilities

Library Fund	\$2,536.99
Old Cemetery Fund	1,160.00
Unexpended Interest on Old Ceme- tery Fund	54.15

Notes (4) Sanford Nat'l Bank	1,975.00	
Balance Favor Town	2,037.76	\$7,763.90

Old Cemetery Account

Amount of Fund	\$1,060.00	
Rec'd S. M. Came, acct. of Fund	100.00	
Unexpended Interest	37.81	
Interest, 1919	55.50	\$1,253.31

Paid B. F. Bracy, work on grounds	\$39.46	
Amount of Fund	1,160.00	
Unexpended Interest, 1919	54.15	\$1,253.31

Parson's Memorial Library Account

Balance in Treasury	\$2,553.20	
Rec'd from Library Treasurer	703.32	
Rec'd Sanford Nat'l Bank, Interest	97.36	\$3,353.88

Paid by Order of Directors of Library	\$ 816.89	
Balance in Treasury	2,536.99	\$3,353.88

Outstanding Notes at Sanford National Bank

Note Due May 24th, 1920	\$500.00	
Note Due May 27th, 1920	500.00	
Note Due June 3rd, 1920	500.00	
Note Due Aug. 18th, 1920	475.00	
		\$1,975.00

E. S. LITTLEFIELD, Treasurer.

I have examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer, and find it correct.

HARRY G. LITTLEFIELD,

Alfred, Me., February 23rd, 1920.

Auditor.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Recommend for 1920:

Support of Poor	\$ 150.00
Schools	3,400.00
Text Books and Supplies	500.00
Repairs	300.00
Highways and Bridges	3,000.00
Opening Roads in Winter	1,500.00
Incidental Expenses	400.00
Discounts and Abatements	100.00
By Taxation for High School	900.00
Cutting Bushes	100.00
Superintendent of Schools	250.00
Street Lights, present contract price	600.00
Water Supply	1,200.00
Janitor and Fuel High School	550.00
Sidewalks	100.00
Fountain and Park	50.00
Library	150.00
Fire Department	100.00
Fire Warden	25.00
State Road Construction	533.00
State Highway Maintenance	300.00
To Pay on Town Indebtedness	1,000.00
Interest	200.00
Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Clubs	25.00
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	\$15,433.00

PARSONS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Director's Report

To the Legal Voters of Alfred:

It is very gratifying to know that our library has become an important factor in furnishing material for the education of our school children. The few minutes given every Wednesday to the scholars of the High School, from the regular school hours, to consult the many thousand volumes of our public library ought, if properly used, to give each pupil a stronger grasp on any subject than when confined to the study of a single author. Many of our young men have crossed the ocean to engage in the world war, to increase the privileges of the common people, and returned victors. May the Parsons Memorial Library continue to furnish abundant material for the rising generation (girls as well as boys) to learn and teach the advantages of peace and good will among the nations of the earth.

The necessary expenses of heating and caring for the library have increased the same as all other expenses. Under these circumstances we ask the town to raise \$200. for library expenses the coming year.

SAMUEL M. CAME.
LUCIUS M. PERKINS,
HERBERT B. FERNALD,
E. H. BRACKETT.
HARRY G. GREEN.
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS,

Alfred, Feb. 18, 1920.

Directors.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors, Parson's Memorial Library,
Gentlemen:

I submit the following, as the sixteenth annual report of Parsons Memorial Library for the year ending March 1, 1920:

There have been no great changes in the work of the library during the past year. It has been open two afternoons and evenings every week, and a good number have availed themselves of the opportunity to obtain reading matter. The largest number of books let out in any one day was on April 5th, when 113 books were loaned, and April was the banner month, when 923 books were taken out.

This winter the High School has closed a half hour earlier every Wednesday afternoon in order that the pupils might make use of the library for reference work, and a large number have done so. We also have a good attendance of the younger children and the juvenile books are well used. We have continued to send books to North Alfred as we did last year, and have sent 212 volumes since last March.

The number of books in the library March

1, 1919.	8,056
Number purchased during the year.	188
Number of books loaned during year	7,872
Number of books in library, March 1, 1920,	8,244
Number of cards outstanding.	366

The number of books loaned during the past year was 973 more than in the year before, and over two hundred more than in any previous years since the library was opened.

Among the books purchased of late, which might be of general interest, may be mentioned the Life of Roosevelt, by Thayer; "Roosevelt's Letters to His

Children;" "Bill Sewell's Story of T. R.;" "Dyke's Automobile and Gasoline Encyclopedia;" "History of the World War," in four volumes, by Simonds; "Belgium," by Brand Whitlock; "Carpentry," by Griffith.

We have also added some good animal stories, and the latest fiction, together with some fine books for the boys and girls. We take one new magazine, "Asia," which deals largely with the affairs of that country and contains much of interest not found in other magazines.

It is gratifying to feel that the interest in the library is growing and we sincerely hope its usefulness will increase with each succeeding year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY C. EMERSON,

Librarian.

ALFRED FIRE DEPARTMENT

Treasurer's Report

Balance in treasury Feb. 21, 1919	\$ 34.73
Feb. 6, 1920, Rec'd Town of Alfred	100.00
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	\$ 134.73
 Paid by order of Finance Committee	 \$ 15.34
Balance in Treasury	119.39
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	\$ 134.73

J. W. PLUMMER, Treasurer.

Alfred, Me., Feb. 23, 1920.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
Superintendent of Schools
OF THE TOWN OF ALFRED, MAINE
For the Year Ending Feb. 14, 1920

School Committee

E. K. JORDAN,

DR. S. E. MARSHALL

T. G. HALL

Superintendent

FLORENT WHITMORE

To the Union Committee of District Number Six:

In making my second annual report I find some conditions of common interest which seem to make a message to the entire Board fitting and proper.

Never in the recent history of this country have the school officials found so many difficulties of school administration as at present.

The ever increasing cost of fuel, supplies, repairs and salaries reaching in some cases far beyond the resources provided have caused much anxiety in the past and the end is not yet.

It is my imperative duty to call to your attention the need of greater resources for the maintenance of our public school system. It is a need that deserves the intelligent consideration of every thinking man and woman.

Is it not worth while to hold fast all of the power and efficiency developed by our schools and try to increase and promote the same? Every member of our Board will I have no doubt give to this problem the time and care it deserves and I trust after the estimates have been carefully made that needs will be presented to the citizens of the town in a tactful and convincing manner.

The salaries of our experienced teachers have been increased 50 per cent in three years, but most of you are familiar with the government estimate that 49½ cents six years ago had the same purchasing power that (\$1) one dollar has today. Or the salary of 1913 must be more than doubled in order to have the same purchasing power.

We feel that this illustration is not overdrawn and it is a matter of common knowledge that the teachers of Maine have been underpaid in the past and still remain so. At the present time there are fewer students in our Normal Schools than for many years, because in shop, factory and clerical positions the wage is more attractive and the preparation less expensive and exacting.

One thing remains to be done; our teaching positions must be made attractive enough to induce our girls to prepare to teach and to remain in service in the schools of Maine a reasonable period. We need to make a more marked distinction between the trained and the untrained and the efficient and the inefficient teacher. Our older teachers should be encouraged to attend Summer School and their expenses met by salary increases.

In some of our towns the work of improving the interior of one school room has been going on for a number of years with excellent results. I hope to see a hardwood floor, a jacketed stove and single

seats in every rural school room within two years. It is the opinion of your Superintendent that all of the improved conditions have been heartily appreciated by the pupils, teachers, and communities in which they were made.

The fall term of 1918 was very broken and some of our schools after long spring terms were unable to finish the year's schedule.

The efforts and the attendance of the pupils and teachers have been praiseworthy and they have worked very faithfully to overcome the handicap imposed upon them by illness both in the fall of 1918 and the winter of 1919.

In this reconstruction period, there are certain fundamental truths that are borne home to us: First, the need of a more efficient and far-reaching public school system that shall teach so well that illiteracy will be overcome and the foundation for an intelligent American citizenship secured.

Second:—An understanding of what percent of a town's revenue may be used for educational purposes and the estimates of School Committees be taken as the best possible basis of making school appropriations.

Third:—That so long as the present standard of values continue the public schools need at least three times as much money appropriated by the town as they did six years ago.

In the year just closed we have held local teachers' meetings in the different towns. All of our Secondary and Rural School agents have visited our schools and held very live and very enthusiastic meetings in Alfred and Limerick. Nearly all of our teachers attended the State Teachers' Convntion at Portland and the County Convention at Sanford.

I wish to thank the members of our Union Com-

mittee for their uniform kindness, interest and courtesy during the past year.

To the School Committee of Alfred:

Gentlemen: In accordance with our State laws, I submit my second annual report of the schools of Alfred.

Our schools have been on the whole successful, and this year has been one of steady progress in our educational work. The school spirit has been excellent, and the attendance good except the first month of the winter term, when an epidemic of mumps made serious interruptions and caused a very broken term.

Our school relations this year have been very pleasant, and I feel that the parents and taxpayers are ready to give all the assistance in their power to the school officials and teachers in their efforts to maintain and improve our public schools.

Teachers

I wish to call the attention of the committee and taxpayers that an annual change of a teaching force is a source of weakness in any school system.

We have retained four of the eight teachers of last year. One new teachers have given good satisfaction. They came to us well trained and their value as teachers is increasing with every month of experience.

The conditions next year will need careful study and good judgment on the part of school officials. We have not seen the worst of the teacher shortage. The wages of teachers have not reached the maximum.

Briefly stated, trained teachers will be few, and salaries higher than ever before.

It is our plain duty to meet the condition this year that will enable us to retain every teacher of experience possible and secure teachers of ability for our vacant places.

Conveyance

The children from the Mountain District, have been conveyed by Mr. C. W. Hussey. This team has given excellent service and the interests of the children have been well guarded.

Since the opening of schools in September Mrs. Alphonso Kimball has conveyed her children to the village schools.

Janitors

Our janitor service, both in the rural schools and the village, has been excellent. The faithful and intelligent work of Mr. Woodbury has saved the town many dollars, both in fuel and bills for damaged apparatus. This winter has been one that has tried the efficiency of janitors everywhere.

Repairs

Next year we will need a new fence to enclose our village school lot, and the stoves in the rural school buildings should be jacketed. The stoves now in use can be used, if in good condition, and the cost of jacket and installation will not exceed (\$40) forty dollars each. Wherever the jacket has been tried with the box stove the results have been very satisfactory. The heat is evenly distributed and the system of ventilation much more sanitary than can be secured in any other way.

We will need one hundred fifty dollars for the fence, one hundred dollars for the jackets, and fifty dollars for incidental expenses.

Finances

This year we have paid salaries, conveyance, fuel, and janitor's service for thirty-eight weeks, which accounts for what may seem a large overdrawal of the Common School Account.

The State has just increased its Equalization Fund from \$50,000 to \$150,000 for common schools. The conditions which entitle a town to a share of this fund are as follows: "When a rate of taxation considerably in excess of the average rate for the State fails to produce revenue sufficient to secure a reasonable standard of educational efficiency." No town shall receive a part of this fund unless its municipal tax rate for all purposes shall be in excess of the average of such rates for all the towns of the State. I think that if we raise the sum recommended by the committee and can meet the last requirement we may expect a share of this fund.

The revenue of our High School depends on a number of different sources the tuition from out of town pupils is now a very satisfactory resource, how long the present attendance will continue is still an unsettled problem, depending largely on the action of our nearest neighbor, Waterboro. The salaries of our Secondary teachers next year will be greater than ever before, and we shall need every dollar recommended in order to meet the bills of the coming year.

In the past, Alfred has provided well for her public schools. We are living in a period where the unit of value, the dollar, has only the purchasing power of from forty to fifty cents a few years ago.

Remember this fact is as true of the costs of school administration as of other things, and by voting the appropriations recommended make it pos-

sible to secure a good standard of public school work.

In closing my report, I wish to thank the townspeople for their interest and kindly encouragement, the teaching force for efficient service and loyal co-operation and the School Committee for support, counsel and courtesy in all matters pertaining to the welfare of our public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENT WHITMORE,

Supt. of Schools.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL

I herewith submit my first annual report as Principal of the Alfred High School, Alfred, Maine:

In common with other schools and colleges, we find ourselves trying to return to a normal condition, after the past two years of uneasiness and uncertainty. In those two years, the school work was unavoidably broken into by the changing of teachers, due primarily to the war, and the necessity of closing the schools on account of the epidemic which swept the country. Both directly affect the efficiency of the school, for it is impossible to keep a school, as a business, at its highest efficiency unless the interest is held steadily. During the present year, it has been necessary to overcome this uneasiness, which could not have been avoided the two years past, and, thanks to the co-operation of the pupils, the school work has assumed a more normal aspect. From the middle of December to the present time, (February 17) many pupils have found it necessary to be absent because of the mumps. This has so seriously hampered school work that it has been

found impossible for them to make up their work outside of school hours, consequently three periods a week have been set aside from the regular school session to enable them to do incomplected work. If the prevailing sickness does not become more severe, there seems to be no reason why the school work should eventually be harmed to any great degree, but the unavoidable retardation, because of sickness, will unfortunately hurt the year's work to some extent.

In regard to the school work itself, the courses that have been outlined for previous years have been closely followed, and, in addition, a half year course in Economics and Physical Geography have been added to enable members of the Senior Class, not taking Latin, to receive the total number of credits required for graduation. A course in Arithmetic was given in the Review Mathematics class for sixteen weeks, and, without doubt this will prove an asset after graduation to the students who took the course. I would recommend this study for each year's Senior Class. As no Geometry was taught last year, the Junior Class has been required to pursue this subject with the Sophomore Class this year.

Every fourth Friday afternoon, the Literary Society has given a program enjoyed by both students and visitors. The Athletic Association is at present on a sound financial basis, but owing to the screening not being put up at the windows in the Town Hall, the students were unable to enjoy basketball until the first of February. Several socials have been given by the various classes. These seem to have been enjoyed by the townspeople, and by the student body.

At the beginning of the year, a drinking fountain was installed in the High School, which has been

very convenient. On account of the large Freshman Class, it was necessary to purchase a number of new books, but every effort has been made to keep expenses at a minimum.

There are certain deficiencies in the High School which cannot be overlooked. Another story should be built over the Intermediate Room, and another teacher added to the teaching force. The efficiency of the school should be increased enough to offset the expense. Reference books are badly needed, especially a set of Encyclopedias and a dictionary. The library partially supplies this deficiency, but, since it is only open to the tuition pupils approximately one hour a week, they labor under a serious handicap. Where there are so many out of town students enrolled, some provision at school should be made for them in case any of them should be taken sick. Some form of a couch could be easily installed in the girls' cloak room. So far it has been found necessary in a number of cases of sickness to improvise a couch out of a settee and an overcoat. In regard to laboratory apparatus, that used in Chemistry, while not extensive, can be made to meet the needs of the laboratory work; while that for Physics is practically useless, and a sum of money should be appropriated for physical apparatus, in order that a course could be given next year that would be an asset to the student taking it.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Superintendent, the School Committee, and the people of Alfred for the interest they have shown in the school.

Respectfully submitted,

VERDAL M. SAMPSON,

February 17.

ESTIMATES FOR 1920

Free High School	\$ 800.00
High School Janitor and Fuel	400.00
Common Schools	3,200.00
Books and Supplies	500.00
Repairs	300.00

COMMON SCHOOLS

Town appropriation	\$2,400.00
School and Mill Tax	708.86
Common School Fund	941.84
Tuition	7.00
R. R. and Tel. Tax	70.55
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	\$4,128.25

Expenditures

Teachers' Salaries	\$2,957.00	
Conveyance	784.00	
Janitors	448.75	
Fuel	438.34	
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Overdraft		<hr/>
		\$ 499.84

Expenditures (Itemized)

Hattie E. Mathews	\$655.50	
Grace Lucier	288.00	
Alice Brock	307.50	
Beatrice Littlefield	315.00	
Marion W. Gray	288.00	
Agnes Gough	12.00	
Carrie Harmon	121.00	
Ethel Warren	256.00	
Frank P. Knight	390.00	
Etta Goodwin	324.00	\$2,957.00

Conveyance

C. W. Hussey	\$600.00	
Rufus Trafton	30.00	
John Miller	6.00	
Verna Kimball	12.00	
Mrs. A. Kimball	136.00	\$ 784.00

Janitors

A. F. Woodbury	\$420.00	
F. P. Knight	12.00	
W. H. Bean	11.25	
Phyllis Bean	5.00	\$ 448.25

Fuel

S. D. Ridley	\$254.44	
B. C. Jordan Lumber Co.	53.00	
F. P. Knight	23.50	
Fred Russell & Son	54.00	
S. E. Gowen	2.40	
York Co. Power Co.	11.00	
Henry Green	40.00	
		\$ 438.34

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT**Resources**

Received from the State	\$500.00	
By town appropriation	600.00	
Received of Town of Waterboro	667.11	
Received of Town of Lyman	104.44	
Received of Town of Otisfield	37.33	
Received of Mr. Frank Stevens	13.33	
Balance from 1919	284.25	\$2,206.46

Expenditures
Teachers' Salaries

H. P. Larrabee	\$500.04	
Alice M. June	851.86	
Verdall Sampson	561.16	
	<hr/>	\$1,913.06
Balance on hand		<hr/> \$ 293.40

HIGH SCHOOL
Janitor and Fuel Account

Town appropriation	\$ 400.00
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Expenditures

L. D. Ridley	\$155.00	
A. F. Woodbury	245.00	\$ 400.00

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES
Resources

Town appropriation	\$450.00	
The A. N. Palmer (Refunded)	26.02	
For Supplies sold	16.00	\$ 492.02

Expenditures

American Book Co.	\$ 52.29
Allyn, Bacon Co.	13.20
Atkinson Mentzer & Co.	13.32
Alice M. June	1.50
B. M. Parker	6.94
B. H. Sanborn & Co.	24.50
D. C. Heath & Co.	43.57

C. E. Merrill	3.02	
E. E. Babb & Co.	116.23	
E. J. Couture	1.25	
E. G. Knights	3.81	
Ginn & Co.	34.19	
Howard & Brown	4.61	
J. C. Winston & Co.	24.34	
D. H. Knowlton & Co.	4.54	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	36.23	
Silver Burdett & Co.	24.85	
The Paris	1.37	
The A. N. Palmer & Co.	62.54	
S. E. Gowen	11.69	
Milton Bradley Co.	17.14	
Macmillan & Co.	13.47	
White Smith Music Co.	1.34	
World Book Co.	8.67	\$ 524.61
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Overdrawn		\$ 32.59

REPAIRS

Town appropriation \$ 150.00

Expenditures

S. E. Gowen	\$ 1.00	
James Mullen	41.95	
E. E. Babb & Co.	5.69	
O. W. Brown	1.64	
Brown & Fogg	8.85	
Alfred Water Co.	1.25	
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		\$ 60.38
Balance on hand		\$ 89.62

SALARIES—HIGH SCHOOL**Winter Term, 1920**

Verdall Sampson	\$1,100.00 per year
Alice M. June	854.00 per year

Elementary Schools

Hattie E. Mathews	\$ 19.50 per week
Alice M. Brock	16.50 per week
Beatrice Littlefield	16.50 per week
Ethel M. Warren	15.00 per week
Frank P. Knight	12.00 per week
Etta D. Goodwin	9.00 per week

Town Clerk's Report

MARRIAGES

Rufus Trafton and Hazel Allen, at Kennebunk, Me.,
Apr. 10, 1919.

Payson E. Ricker and Nina M. Fernald, at Intervale,
N. H., May 26, 1919.

Earl H. Merrill and Gladys M. Hobbs, at Alfred, Me.,
Aug. 27, 1919.

Rolland W. Jose and Leah M. Weeks, at Alfred, Me.,
Sept. 17, 1919.

Harry L. Drew and Bertha F. Holmes, at Sanford, Me.,
Nov. 27, 1919.

Henry Yates, Jr., and Carrie Younquickel, at Water-
boro, Me., Dec. 24, 1919.

Ralph D. Emery and Hazel L. Coombs, at Sanford, Me.,
Dec. 24, 1919.

Myron J. Ricker and Louise E. Troess, at Sanford, Me.,
Jan. 21, 1919.

Fred G. Tebbetts and Lillian A. Goodwin, at Alfred,
Me., Jan. 24, 1919.

BIRTHS

1919

Parents' Names

Feb. 15 Erlan Carpenter,

Leroy H. Roberts
and Ruth Carpenter

Feb. 17 Willis Wayne,

Alfred K. Wilson
and Maude J. Allen

Jan. 26		Frank A. Ridley and Emma J. Hussey
Apr. 12	Kenneth Cluff,	Harry O. Wallingford and Beatrice E. Cluff
Apr. 9	Forrest,	Frank A. Daney and Elsie M. Scott
May 20	Quertine E.,	Emery S. Littlefield and Ruth Ridley
Sept. 2		Refused to Tell Ida M. Lockwood
Nov. 20	Christine Margaret.	Willard I. Paul and Bertha J. Hogan
Nov. 25	Roger Leach,	Percy F. Morrill and Gertrude F. Leach

DEATHS

1919	Name of Person	Disease	Y's.	M's.	D's.
Feb. 16	Annie Mitchell	Apoplexy	82	0	0
Feb. 23	Maria J. Bean	Embolism of femoral artery	79	10	28
Feb. 23	William N. Litchfield	Influenza	91	1	23
Mar. 5	Ralph B. Mapes, Killed by crushing of Skull by a fellow prisoner in jail		38	11	5
Apr. 19	Donald Victor Yates,	Influenza	0	7	19
Apr. 22	Forrest Daney,	Influenza	0	0	4
June 3	Ellen P. Ferguson,	Augina Pectoris	67	8	26
June 16	Mary E. Tripp,	Curhasis of Liver	67	3	0
Sept. 2	Infant Lockwood,	Premature Birth		30 min.	
Sept 6	Asa M. Grant.	Chronic Pareuchymatores			
		Nephritis	66	11	4
Nov. 19	George G. Brock,	Exposure	59	8	0
Dec. 15	Cora B. Carll,	Cancer of Ovaries	33	9	25
1920					
Jan. 2	Laila M. Stanley,	Lobar Pneumonia	47	2	9
Jan. 4	Horace T. Kollock,	Cerebral Hemorrhage	70	5	11
Jan. 16	Octave M. Daniels,	Ateriosclerosis	66	10	24
Jan. 23	James Cullen Roberts,	Chronic Nephritis	78	2	18

DIED AWAY, BURIED HERE

Date	Names of Person	Disease	Y's.	M's.	D's.
1919					
Sept. 20	Fred Harmon Allen,	Carinoma	51	2	2
Oct. 27	Quentine E. Littlefield,	Interception of Small Intestines	0	5	7
Oct. 6	Ellen J. Roberts,	Vreamic Coma	87	1	2
Oct. 19	Sarah E. Daniels,	Bright's Disease	63	6	5
Nov. 11	Ellen R. Lord,	Senility	86	3	9